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Bénéteau Group communication following information spread by a broker

On Tuesday October 4th, a broker passed on misleading comments to a certain number of investors, combining information released by the Group during the evening of Thursday September 29th with anonymous opinions from four dealers and unfounded rumors. Since then, many boat dealers have come forward to say that the claims made do not reflect their business at the start of this season in any way at all.

The Group would like to remind you that it will be communicating on its vision of the market for the 2011-2012 season following the autumn shows, as it does each year. However, it would like to clarify three points as of now:

- The Cannes and La Rochelle shows went well for the Group's brands, with a level of activity that was virtually the same as last year. This indicator for the French market does not make it possible to draw any conclusions concerning changes in the overall market.
- Stocks of boats across the dealer networks are at normal levels for the start of this season.
- No short-time working measures are planned or being looked into. Giving credence to this rumor can do nothing but undermine the quality of labor relations established within the company.

We are of course on hand should you require any further clarifications or information following this communication.

